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secondly, the direct burden of compliance with various state laws. A second option is to have a certified automated system, and you contract in that...with that system for the collection of tax. In that instance you...you contract with a third party and they actually determine whether or not tax is due, they collect the tax; it can all be done through a software system and it actually causes transactions to go through a couple of steps; for example, if you're going to buy something with a credit card, you've called up or you've sent in your order form, the seller transmits the information to the third party, the automated system, it calculates the amount of tax, adds it to the transaction, sends it back and then remits the tax to the state.

SPEAKER KRISTENSEN: Time. Senator...Senator Wickersham, you're recognized to open on the committee amendments.

SENATOR WICKERSHAM: Mr. President, with some indulgence, if I can just complete describing and then the committee amendments are really not terribly substantive. The third option in the proposal, of course, is that the member states can act jointly to develop a system to check sellers, if they don't want to participate in the other two options, to assure themselves that the sellers have a certified system and in that way to meet their obligations to collect remote sales. Again, this is not a...this is not the agreement itself. The agreement would have to come back to us, but it does set out parameters for a potential agreement to be entered into by the Governor. Those restrictions are contained in Section 6 of the bill; one of them addresses the...the rate issue, it says that to...you'll have restrictions on multiple rates in the states; you're going to limit the number of state rates; you're going to eliminate the maximums on the amount of sales taxes due on a transaction; you're going to do a number of other things; you're going to have uniform standards; you're going to have some uniformity in definitions so that you can meet concerns about what is subject to tax and what is not subject to tax. It would provide for a central registration system and a variety of other aspects that I think you can...you can review in Section 6 of the bill. It does give us a fair amount of flexibility and it does not commit us to an agreement, it simply makes the possible...makes an